

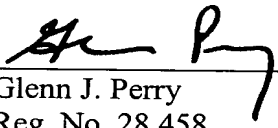
REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. At present claims 11,12, 20 and 21 are pending.

The description, "...the second silicide film having a thickness greater than that of the first silicide film" which was added to claim 11 by the previous amendment is not new matter because this subject matter is evident from FIG. 12 of the specification.

All outstanding matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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